

## **Town of Carlisle Affordable Housing Trust Fund**

### **Minutes**

December 14, 2015

**Present:** Karina Coombs; Chair; Carolyn Ing, Vice-Chair; Nathan Brown; E. Lyn Lemaire (left at 6:45 p.m.); Vanessa Moroney; Claude von Roesegen. **Absent:** John Gorecki.

**Guests:** Thomas Harrington, Town Counsel, Miyares & Harrington; Elizabeth DeMille Barnett, Housing Coordinator.

**1. Meeting called to Order** at: 6:30 p.m. by Karina Coombs, Chair

**Executive Session - To consider the response to an Open Meeting Law Violation filed by E. Lyn Lemaire.** Immediately following the call to Order by Karina Coombs, E. Lyn Lemaire questioned why Town Counsel was present for the meeting. She said, “you are making ‘a mountain out of a molehill.’” Ms. Lemaire went on to say that the Open Meeting Law violation complaint that she filed on December 4, 2015 was meant as “talking points to get a discussion started.”

Thomas Harrington replied that he was present for the Carlisle Affordable Housing Trust (CAHT) meeting because the Town had a small window of opportunity to strategize its response to Ms. Lemaire’s Attorney General’s Office (AG) complaint. He responded to Ms. Lemaire, that although he could not ask her to leave, it was his opinion that “you cannot work both sides of the fence.”

Nathan Brown made a motion to enter into Executive Session per M.G.L Ch. 30A, §§ 21 (a) (9) to consider the response to an Open Meeting Law Violation filed by E.Lyn Lemaire and to not return to open meeting. Vanessa Moroney seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Claude von Roesgen asked why is going into Executive Session necessary? Mr. Harrington replied that entering into Executive Session was being done in anticipation of litigation and as a response to Ms. Lemaire’s AG Complaint. Mr. Harrington also clarified that when the matter was settled, the Executive Session Minutes would be made public.

Ms. Coombs proceed to conduct a roll call vote: Brown, aye; Coombs, aye; Ing, aye; Moroney, aye; von Roesgen, aye. All present aye, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth DeMille Barnett